

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of this Amendment.

Independent Claims 1 and 20

As amended, both claims 1 and 20 recite adapting a polymer to a template compound that is dissolved or suspended in a liquid. The Anseth reference does not disclose a template compound dissolved or suspended in a liquid. Therefore, claims 1 and 20 are patentable over the cited prior art.

Claims 2-9 and 15-19 and 21-24

Each of claims 2-9 and 15-19 and 21-24 depend from claim 1 or claim 20. The limitations that they add to claims 1 or 20 distinguish them further from the prior art. Therefore, claims 2-9 and 15-19 and 21-24 also are patentable.

The application should now be in condition for allowance, and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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